Appln No. 10/676,026 Amdt. Dated November 3, 2004 Response to Office action of October 5, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

In response to the issues raised we offer the following submissions and enclosed amendments.

Claims - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 14 has been amended to correct the typographical error identified by the Examiner.

Claims - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5-8 and 10 stand rejected as obvious in light of the disclosure in US 5,043,561 to Kimata.

In the interests of expeditious prosecution, claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 11 (now cancelled). We note that the Examiner considers the subject matter of previously presented claim 11 is allowable. As claims 6 to 8 and 10 are appended to amended claim 5, we submit that they are likewise allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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